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TAGS: PBOR, MX

SUBJECT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

REF: MEXICO 5213 AND 5231

1. SUBJECT OF ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS WAS RAISED BY RABASA AT LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOR JULY 9 BY ACTING SECRETARY RUSH. RABASA REPEATED POINT PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY THAT JULY 16-17 MEETING IN WASHINGTON SHOULD HAVE AS OBJECTIVE SOMETHING MORE THAN MERE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. THE ACTING SECRETARY ASSURED RABASA WE WOULD GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS THE MEXICAN GROUP MIGHT PRESENT. (MEMCON POUCHED).

2. AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT AFTER-NOON OF JULY 13 REQUESTING AN URGENT APPOINTMENT FOR RABASA WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY TO DISCUSS MEXICAN PRESS REPORTS TO EFFECT THAT US WAS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT A WALL OR FENCE ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE MEXICO/US BORDER. THE ACTING SECRETARY SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED RABASA BY TELEPHONE THAT THE FENCE ITEM IN THE INS APPRO-  
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PRIATIONS BILL CONCERNED A SHORT FENCE IN THE CHULA VISTA

AREA AND THAT THIS ITEM HAD BEEN CARRIED OVER IN EVERY INS APPROPRIATIONS BILL SINCE ABOUT 1960. HE ASSURED RABASA THAT THE US HAS NO PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A FENCE AS REPORTED IN MEXICAN PRESS.

3. ELECTRONIC SENSING AS RELATED IN NY TIMES ARTICLE JULY 14 HAS NOT BEEN MAJOR ISSUE AT MEETING WITH MEXICAN GROUP. INS ACTING COMMISSIONER JAMES GREENE ON JULY 16 BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THIS WITH BARONA LOBATO WHO DID NOT INDICATE ANY SPECIAL CONCERN. HOWEVER, MORNING OF JULY 17 BARONA LOBATO ASKED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. GREENE GAVE HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF USE OF VARIOUS DEVICES USED BY BORDER PATROL SINCE THE MID-1960'S TO DETECT ILLEGAL ENTRIES. HE EXPLAINED THAT IN 1970 INS STARTED EXPERIMENTAL USE OF ELECTRONIC SENSING DEVICES IN THE CHULA VISTA AREA. THIS PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, WAS GRADUALLY EXPANDED, AND CONTRACTS NOW HAVE BEEN LET TO PLACE THESE DEVICES IN OTHER SELECTED BORDER AREAS. GREENE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE DEVICES ARE HARMLESS AND MERELY REPRESENT A TOOL TO PERMIT THE LIMITED NUMBER OF BORDER PATROL OFFICERS TO DO THEIR JOB MORE EFFICIENTLY. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON THIS PARAGRAPH AS NEEDED TO ANSWER PRESS INQUIRIES.

4. REPORT OF OTHER ASPECTS OF MEETING WILL BE SENT SEPTEL. RUSH

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